National Highways expansion work

2006. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways expansion work during the last few years has considerably slowed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of work undertaken for the last one year (2004-05) in comparison to the proceeding year (2003-04) *vis-a-vis* the target of work; and

(d) by when, the highway expansion work of NH-5 in Balasore -Bhadrakh (Orissa) section would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) The targets set for the years 2003-04 and 2004-05 *vis-a-vis* achievements for National Highways Authority of India are given below:—

Year	Target	Achievement
2003-04	2196	763.33
2004-05	2896.1	2348

(d) The Balasore-Bhadrakh Seciton of NH-5 is likely to be completed by June 2006.

Coastal Highways in Gujarat

2007. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though Gujarat has about 25 per cent of the country's coast line with many ports and all sections of the coastal highways along this coast line have not been upgraded to the status of National Highways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;